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USDA Forest Service White River National Forest

Hanging Lake Area Management Plan

The White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for the Hanging Lake Area Management Plan which will (a) allocate and manage the area to a defined daily capacity of 615 users per day, year round; (b) manage this capacity through a fee-based reservation or permit system; (c) utilize a third party transportation provider (shuttle) in order to allocate and manage to the areas daily capacity during the "Peak" season (currently proposed from May 1st thru October 31st); and (d) implement an adaptive management strategy to ensure that the intent of the plan continues to be realized in the face of future changes. The Hanging Lake Area is located approximately 10 miles from Glenwood Springs in Garfield County along Interstate 70. The area consists of the parking area, Interstate 70 on/off ramps, a portion of the recreation path, Hanging Lake Trail #1850, Deadhorse Creek, the lake itself, and Spouting Rock. The White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross

More project information is available on-line at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50479. The notice and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, 24747 US Hwy 24, Minturn, CO 81645. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Paula K. Peterson at (970) 827-5159 or pkpeterson@fs.fed.us.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and subject to the objection process described in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The Forest Service is combining scoping with the legal notice and opportunity to comment, as described in 36 CFR 218.24.

How to Comment and Timeframe Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Vail Daily. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax within Collimbia his be submitted via Hall, IdA, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Aaron W. Mayville, District Ranger, c/o Paula K. Peterson, Project Leader, PO Box 190, Minturn, CO 81645, FAX: 970-827-9343, Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to

https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=50479.

Persons commenting should include: 1) name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if any; 2) title of project for which the comment is being submitted; and 3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

There will be an additional 30 day public comment period when the draft environmental assessment is

This legal notice also serves to notify and invite public comment on the proposal as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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